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Student Senate battles over budgets

By JUNE LARSEN

The Student Senate approved Student Activities Budget Commission (SABC) recommendations for the 1993-94 budgets of the Gateway, Student Programming Organization (SPO), Student Government and agencies at its meeting March 18.

Senators dissented over Gateway funding and flag expenses for International Student Services (ISS).

Sen. Michael Kennedy proposed a motion to cut Gateway funding by 2 cents per student, reducing the allocation from the proposed \$1.67 per student to \$1.65.

"We're not cutting the Gateway, what we're doing is giving them essentially the same amount of money they requested last year," Kennedy said. "I think that in times of hard budget crisis here on campus and throughout the university system, we need to give this money back to the students."

Kennedy's motion failed.

The Senate voted for the Gateway to receive the SABC-recommended \$63,546, which is an increase of \$734.84 from last year's budget of \$62,812.00.

The increase reflects estimated student enrollment growth, said David Kehr, Student Government executive treasurer and SABC member.

Student Senate also approved budgets for other student agencies. The budgets remained unchanged from SABC's

recommendations. The approved amounts are: SPO, \$91,324.80; Student Government, \$44,501.71; Agency Programming, \$11,700; American Multicultural Students (AMS), \$10,788.88; Council for Community and Legislative Relations, \$2,875; Disabled Students Agency, \$7,468.72; International Student Services (ISS), \$7,200; Women's Resource Center, \$11,624.35; and Student Government contingency, \$17,346.70.

Senators debated whether a \$500 allowance to the ISS for flag purchases was an appropriate budget item.

Sen. Patrick Flanigan said he thought the flags would serve no educational purpose and the budget allocation was inappropriate.

Sen. Heidi Hess, an SABC member, said the item was a one-time expenditure for four flags and that it was a justified budget item.

Student President/Regent Jennifer Newhouse agreed with Hess.

"What ISS is doing with these flags is informing students that are not international that these countries are represented," Newhouse said.

An amendment to strike the flags from the ISS budget failed.

The senate discussed a contingency request from AMS to

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Massengale to stay at NU

By KIM DESPINS

University of Nebraska President Martin A. Massengale has agreed to remain in his position until a new president is named, then he will serve as an agronomy professor.

The Board of Regents approved a plan at its March meeting to keep Massengale as president after Dec. 31, 1993, with a 6-1 vote.

The approved plan includes a \$105,000 salary for Massengale when he becomes a professor in the UNL Agricultural and Natural Resources department. Massengale will also receive a \$10,000 stipend from the NU foundation after the new president takes office.

Regent Robert Allen said the amount was too much, calling the package "costly to the taxpayers."

"I'm opposed to the package that was given to him," Allen said, "because something that expensive and liberal was not needed."

"All this has added a tremendous amount of extra expense to the taxpayers at a time when our budget problems are at an all-time high."

Regent Don Blank said he was comfortable with the package offered to the president.

"He was and still is a top-notch national figure in agronomy," he said. "Having him on board at the university as an ex-president will be extremely valuable to us."

The Board of Regents will select a search committee at its April meeting, Blank said the committee will hold its first meeting in April or May and will hopefully have a list of three to six candidates by the end of October. He said the regents will conduct interviews in November and make a selection.

Joe Rowson, director of public affairs for the president's office, said Massengale thinks talking about his future plans is "very much premature since it's a year away."

"He feels like he needs to concentrate on the job that he's doing."



Rapping at the Center

—ED CARLSON

Lori Blodgett, Amy Gray and Patrick Fuller take advantage of time between classes to chat outside the Student Center.

Renovation plans change

By KIM DESPINS

All the bids are in, and the price is not right.

After receiving construction bids for the renovation of the Arts and Sciences Hall, Facilities Management has decided to re-design and take new bids. Architects estimated the second phase of renovation to cost \$2.138 million, but the lowest construction bid was \$3.047 million.

"Because it was significantly over, we couldn't negotiate with the low bidder," said Dave Irvin, manager of Facilities Management and Planning.

"It's enough over that you have to change the scope of the project."

The renovation was initially slated for this summer.

To bring down costs, the vacated theater will not be demolished or a second concrete floor built as the original plan stated. The revised plan also eliminates mechanical controls and several energy conservation measures.

"We had to delete some of those items in order to make the budget," he said.

Irvin said the energy conservation measures would affect the amount of fresh air coming into the build-

ing. In the original plan, the amount of air would be regulated. The revised project doesn't regulate the amount of fresh air, so actually Arts and Sciences Hall would be getting more fresh air than it needs. Although these controls would save money in the long run, Irvin said, they are expensive initially.

"We'll have no problems with indoor air quality, but it's a little more energy inefficient to do it that way," Irvin said.

One benefit of the revised project, Irvin said, was that the main part of it will be done next summer, eliminating many overtime hours. Making the revisions and getting new bids takes about four to six weeks, Irvin said. This makes it impossible to start renovation this summer.

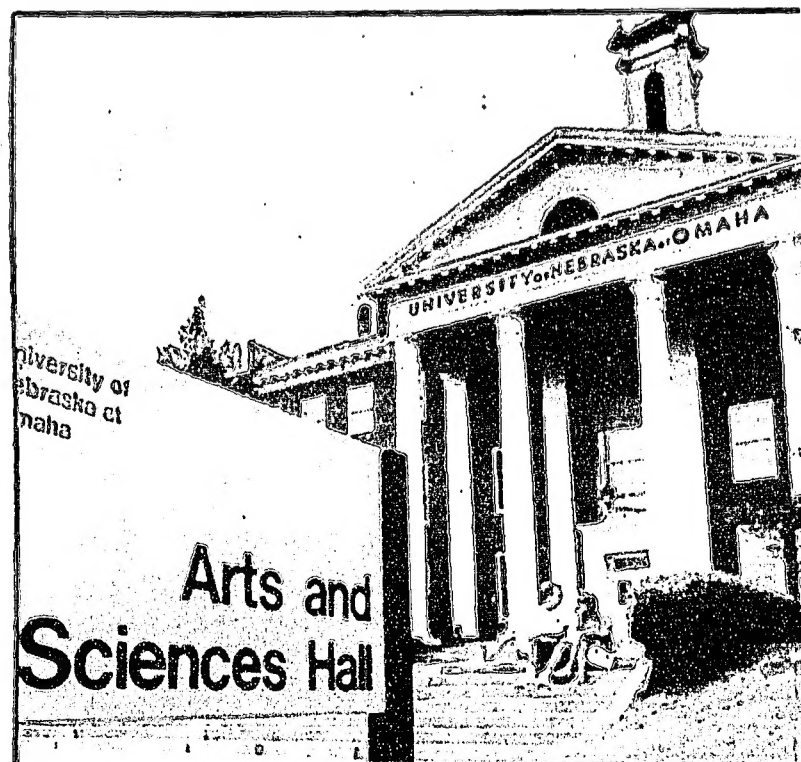
"We were already on a tight time frame to get it done in the summer," he said.

The revised project will be re-bid in October.

"That way the successful contractor can do some work over Christmas break and spring break," Irvin said.

Next summer, Arts and Sciences Hall will be closed.

"What we would have done this summer, in terms of vacating people, we'll do next summer," Irvin said.



Renovation of Arts and Sciences Hall will not take place this summer, as initially planned.

Panel looks at censorship

By JULIA YBARRA

Sparked by the recent controversy surrounding Madonna's book "Sex," four panelists and approximately 20 audience members discussed censorship, libraries and the First Amendment at the Alumni House Wednesday.

University Library Friends sponsored the discussion facilitated by UNO Library Director Robert Runyon.

"We want to look at the intersection of library censorship and the First Amendment," Runyon said. "We have selected a diverse group of panelists for various perspectives."

Kurtis G. Cornish, minister of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said certain material should be labeled objectionable.

"The primary objective of a university library is to present truth as it is known and falsities as they are known," Cornish said. Regarding "Sex," Cornish said it conveyed "the same philosophy as pornography and should be labeled 'Material herein is dangerous to your marriage and family.'"

Julie Caruso, assistant director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in Nebraska, disagreed with Cornish's equation of pornography and violence.

"The ACLU is one of the foremost advocates of individual rights, freedom of expression and artistic freedom," Caruso said. "Right-wing groups take it upon themselves to tell us what to teach our children, not allowing us to make our own decisions. People say if you read Playboy, there's a greater chance to hurt others. There has been no proof to link antisocial behavior with exposure."

Jeremy Lipschultz, UNO assistant professor of communication, said trying to shield young people from materials found questionable by some infringes on other adults' rights.

"The thing about First Amendment rights is that we all have them," Lipschultz said. "The struggle is in restricting material from young minds and not depriving adults. We should fight bad speech with good speech. We have to distinguish between legislative action and societal action, like economic boycotts and voicing protests. Those are also protected under the First Amendment."

Barry Combs, co-owner of Combs & Combs Bookstore, spoke about the publisher's perspective in printing potentially offensive material.

"The only thing publishers have in common is that they are businesses," Combs said. "So if they have to choose between something with high commercial potential and high artistic potential, they'll probably opt for the commercial one—but that doesn't make them villains. They are facing the same problems as other people, costs going up and competing for jobs."

After the opening remarks, one participant asked how the panel defined a "young mind."

"As a minister, the problems we have with pornography are not the 'young' minds but 'addictive' minds," Cornish said. "Studies show that three minutes thinking about it brings on another (violent) binge. It's just as detrimental to a 70-year-old as an 18-year-old. Pornography causes violence. How many people have to die before we realize that?"

"The ACLU seeks to protect individual rights, regardless of age," Caruso said. "A child after reading Playboy will not go out and commit a crime. Instead of limiting access, we should provide useful information. Parents should become more active in teaching. Censorship will not end violence; it's more behavioral than conditional."

"Alcohol causes death, there's no doubt about it," Combs said, "but we're not outlawing it—we're not even trying to."

Runyon was asked if the library censors books considered inappropriate for the university.

"We do make judgments about what books to buy," Runyon said. "Our primary focus is the academic program and supporting that. If a professor wanted to use Madonna's 'Sex' book for a class, then we'd order it for them."

Another person asked to what extent would the ACLU support freedom of expression, such as a book on how to make bombs.

"Short of telling how to kill the president, we'd stand by it (the publication)," Caruso said. "We've stood by the First Amendment for the last 200 years. If it's not against the law, then the author needs to be protected just like anyone else."



Wheee!

—Ed Carlson

Alex Royster, 6, takes his first spin on a bike around the UNO campus Sunday.

DSA to bust barriers with week of student activities

By JULIA YBARRA

It's official. This week is "Barrier Buster Week." Although it may sound like a demolition derby, it is the first annual Disabled Students Activities week.

Vicki Hodges, director for the Disabled Students Agency (DSA) since August, said the purpose of the week is to create understanding.

"We want to break down the barriers between the disabled and (non-disabled)," Hodges said, "by setting up and participating together in activities, having speakers come in and having open discussion where the disabled and non-disabled can talk."

The week's agenda has three sections: recreation (March 29 and 31, and April 2), self-awareness (March 30 and April 1), and legislation (March 31). Hodges said the concept is an on-going idea.

"The idea started two years ago when DSA surveyed surrounding colleges asking what type of (on-campus) architectural barriers they have and what type of programs they have for disabled students," Hodges said. "We decided to broaden from the self-esteem (issue) and have recre-

ational activities planned, and speakers come in to talk about legislation, like the American Disabled Act (ADA), and about sexuality. I'm hoping this will set the stage for getting programs for next year."

The activities scheduled range from a 10 a.m. panel discussion on Wednesday in the Student Center's Omaha Room to Friday's Wheelchair basketball/obstacle course at 4 p.m. in the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) building.

Sponsors for the activities are DSA, Campus Recreation, Project Postsecondary RESUME and the Learning Center.

Hodges said everyone is invited to attend and participate in the events, not just those people who are in that field.

"Many people think 'That's not what I'm studying' but it all ties in,"

—Vicki Hodges, Disabled Students Agency director

Hodges said. "People majoring in recreation therapy are affected. Engineering majors, too, because they make things accessible to the disabled. Business majors also because they work with people, they have to hire and fire people."

"Just come and ask questions," Hodges continued. "I'd like to see more interaction."

"We want to break down the barriers between the disabled and (non-disabled) ... by having open discussion where the disabled and non-disabled can talk."

UNO students look at issues facing women

By JULIE LARSEN

Nine students and two graduate assistants from UNO's Aviation Institute attended the Fourth Annual National Women in Aviation Conference March 4-6 in St. Louis.

Bruce Bowen, director of the Aviation Institute, said the conference promoted national awareness of women's opportunities in aviation.

Bowen said students had the opportunity to look at issues and problems facing women.

"They were able to learn about issues and become effective agents of change," Bowen said.

Rae Lynn Yanker, one of the UNO students who attended the conference, said she learned about women's involvement in more areas in aviation than she had imagined.

"I met aircraft inspectors, military women and women who lobby for airlines in Washington, D.C.," Yanker said.

The women attended seminars about job interviews, sexual harassment and on how to promote aviation.

Yanker said the conference was an excellent experience.

"I think that women in different careers not involved in aviation would have benefited," Yanker said.

She said she would plan to go to other aviation conferences.

"Next year, I may even take my 14-year-old daughter," she said.

Koneck eyes district race

By TIM ROHWER

UNO student Paul Koneck, who has gotten his feet wet in political activities on campus, has decided to test the waters in the real world.

Koneck is running for the Omaha City Council District 4 seat, which represents South Omaha. Running for the seat is a challenge he's been considering for some time.

"I've been thinking about it for two years," Koneck said. "I made my announcement to run on the eve of President Clinton's inauguration (Jan. 19)."

Koneck is one of four running in the April 6 primary election for the seat. The other candidates include incumbent Steve Tomasek, retired Metropolitan Utilities District employee Frank Hazuka and attorney Sylvia Shirley.

Koneck said he became interested in politics while working with the UNO Student Democrats.

"It got the bug in me," Koneck said of his student activities. "We went on a trip to South Dakota in Oct. 1991 and I got to meet some of the presidential candidates, including Bill Clinton, Tom Harkin and Bob Kerrey. Being involved in student political organizations showed me the intricacies of politics."

Koneck, who graduated from UNO in December 1991 with a bachelor of arts degree in history, said he is working on his education degree.

Currently, he is a para-professional for Omaha Public Schools. He is also serving his ninth year with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.

Koneck not only served as vice-president of the UNO Student Democrats, but also helped form the current organization, which had been inactive.

"I got a call from someone in the national organization asking about UNO's Student Democrats," he said. "I found out there wasn't



—Ed Carlson

UNO student Paul Koneck is looking to extend his political experience in his quest for the District 4 City Council seat.

any Student Democrats organization. It was defunct. I talked with two other students, and we got it started. Our first meeting was Oct. 25, 1991."

Koneck said students should consider joining political organizations on campus.

"They gave me insights on how campaigns work. Like I said, it got the bug in me," he said.

Concerning issues in the council race, Koneck said he wants to upgrade South Omaha streets needing repair due to the Kennedy

Freeway/Interstate 480 construction, ensure proper spending of tax dollars, provide residents with containers for picking up recyclables, increase fire and police protection to authorized levels and promote stronger neighborhood involvement.

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Applications are now being accepted for the positions of UNO Ambassadors.

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Improving on the food chain

Lately we've been beset by humane souls and animal rights' groups complaining about the number of household pets being placed in the nearby kennel and later being put to sleep. Last week as I was listening to "As It Happens" on National Public Radio, a man representing the Humane Society was vocal in his distress over the millions of dogs and cats that will be put to sleep in the coming year, and how he wished people would rescue these pets rather than breed a new batch for the pet mill.

I understand very well what he means. Many times have I walked through my neighborhood only to see strays digging in garbage cans or walk up to the nearest person for a pat on the head. Every summer, a couple of lost cats stop at my back door for a bowl of milk and tuna my wife and boys provide for them. It's a sad thing to watch.

Even sadder are the adults I occasionally catch a glimpse of acting like the strays — digging through the garbage for a morsel to eat or walking up to the nearest person for a handout. However, I've yet to have one of these come to my back door for a meal.

It's an unhappy situation indeed, and I feel for the strays, the poor, and the folks whose duty it is to take care of them. But we won't need to go further with this bit of misery if we would take time and listen to a suggestion I have that may end this travesty.

Currently, when a stray is caught, it is taken to the pound and kept for some days. If no one comes to claim the animal, it is put to sleep and whisked off to the incinerator. What a waste of flesh! But no more, because now we can use these unfortunate beasts and make them prize dinners for the homeless.

Rest assured, no harm will come to our unfortunate brothers

STEPHEN MCINTYRE
columnist

and sisters. In fact, I've been told by a good acquaintance from Korea that dog, though a little tough, does make a fine meal. What meal cats make I have no idea, but I'm sure we can find some spud who has tried this rare delicacy.

Thus, my proposition is that we rescue these millions of creatures from the incinerators and put them to use. Why, consider the possibilities:

From the kennel we would give these pets to the butcher, who would set up several lines for the parts to be used. On one line would go the skins and furs, to be processed and shipped to a clothing manufacturer. There the manufacturer would fix up fine coats, gloves, and other accessories either to be given to the homeless or to be sold at nearby thrift stores for a small sum that would provide for further homeless projects.

Who knows, perhaps a market would be created in the process. What fine lady wouldn't want a Calico or Siamese cat skin coat to parade at her charity ball? She could be the life of the party. That along with some Poodle fur earmuffs, she would be a dandy.

Another line would be set up for specialty meats such as hindquarters and the like. Basted in a fine, spiced sauce, they could be barbecued or broiled to perfection and given on Sundays and holidays. With some greens and a potato, this would be a meal fit for a president.

Then again, a taste for this could erupt among the middle class and wealthy — and we could soon sell such prime cuts for a profit that would go to benefit the unfortunate in our society. We could even sell according to breed and size: a German Shepherd could go for something like \$4.50 a pound, while a Chihuahua might go for 89 cents a pound. What a cat might be worth is something I can't determine — perhaps the same price as frog's legs? Then again, let the market rule.

At least one other line could be set up, though I'm sure there are others I haven't thought of. Here the regular meat would be placed, to be ground and processed into patties, rolls, and such. These foods would then be sent to street-corner vendors who would hand out meal cards to the various homeless, who would turn around and use these to obtain a delicious dog-meat burger or any other meal on the list. For breakfast would be dog sausages and feline patties; for the remainder of the day I can envision burgers, melts, DBLTs (dog-bacon, lettuce, and tomato), hot cats (or maybe "cat in a bun"?), dog tongue (though this might become a delicacy among the rich), and etc. These vendor stations could open anywhere there was hunger in the streets, and soon the craving for food amongst the homeless would be curbed.

I sincerely wish there to be an end to the problems happening on our streets, and have humbly put this proposal before you to consider. Would it be that a simpler and more reasonable solution could be found.



It's (yawn) award time

Are we living in boring times or what?

Sure, there's news out there.

There's the Russian people learning a new tune called 'Borisgate.'

There's the Omaha City Council candidates talking to countless voters (and hoping two or three of them show up at the election).

But what ever happened to the really big stuff? You know, those special news items that people would talk about for weeks.

In other words, whatever happened to the Academy Awards?

Back in the good old days, this show sparked stimulating, thought-provoking conversation on the issues of the day.

For example, there was that man who streaked naked on stage while David Niven was presenting the Best Actor Award.

Hey, streaking was a big thing back then.

There was the time when Woody Allen came to the awards dressed in a handsome tux, complemented by high top white tennis shoes.

Isn't the latest fashion always on people's minds?

Kidding aside, there were some special moments that

brought serious issues to the awards podium.

In 1973, Marlon Brando allowed an Indian princess to accept his award and tell the world about the plight of the Native American.

Some years later, Oscar-winner Vanessa Redgrave, a supporter of Palestinian rights, stated her case amid boos from the audience.

Or how about that emotional moment in 1979, when the world saw firsthand the terrible effects of smoking when John Wayne, suffering from lung cancer, addressed the audience. He was a

skeleton of the man he once was.

In the last few years, about the only controversial moment on this show was when Jack Palance said 'crap' to the audience.

In the last few years, about the only important question was not 'Who would win the Oscar?' but 'What kind of hair spray was Billy Crystal wearing?'

Sure, there are more important events in the world than the Academy Awards.

But a while back, for one special night each year, the world of movies, comedy and politics would come into our homes to add a little spice to our daily lives.

Will it ever happen again?

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Students against Hooters, not choice

Dear Editor:

Hey UNO students, you've got it all wrong. Do you honestly think that UNO Students for Choice is for the reproductive rights of women and not their choices in the workforce? Come on. You missed the point entirely. We, as Students for Choice, submit that when women are subjected to advertisements and stereotypical roles like submissive, big-breasted women with half of their butts hanging out of tiny shorts, slinging beer and footlongs, our choices are hindered.

Our choices will always be hindered and suppressed when we are considered second-class sexual objects. We are not against women choosing their careers, expressing their sexuality or working in a restaurant. Nor are we against the spotted owl. We are against, however, the blatant sexism and the roles that establishments such as "Hooters" create for us.

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Legality does not make abortion morally right

Dear Editor:

Who does Steve McIntyre think he is when he preaches the morality of nonforce to proliferate (Gateway, March 16)? God? Will he oppose the execution of Griffin if he receives the death penalty?

But let me rest my case on this. Everyone reading this was in the womb at one time. We were all fetuses at one time where some foolish doctor could have ripped us to pieces and forced us to die. How more human does a person need to be to be granted their right to life? Doctors are supposed to heal people, not kill them. A doctor was killed because violence begets violence, abortion begets abortion.

Putting Jews in concentration camps and killing them was legal in Nazi Germany. Owning slaves in the United States was legal. McIntyre should contemplate on what made those acts "wrongful," who called for

the laws to change, who made the laws change, how the laws were changed and, most of all, why.

If all his arguments against a prenatal infant are legal ones, the more cracks appear in his arguments because change comes, sometimes through violence. If the laws don't change, regrettably, there probably will be more abortionists killed. And to think, a pacifist is telling you this!

Andrew Sullivan

Prose in praise of parking problems

Dear Editor:

A poem based upon "The Raven" by Edgar Allen Poe:

The UNO Raven

Once upon a morning dreary,
Through the weather cold and bleary,
I drive to school weak and weary
Whilst the speed limit I ignore.

I know the school lies just ahead
For I spot ravens overhead.
They can be seen with wings outspread
Whilst through the air they soar.

Time is growing short, alas,
I fear I may be late for class.
I must attend lest not surpass
Beyond rank sophomore.

I pull into the parking lot.
I search in vain for a free spot.
I fear my efforts are for not
So out of rage I swore.

A girl then steps forth from the haze.
I watch each step with a locked gaze.
My heart then shouts a song of praise
As she stops by her car door.

An expert in the parking game —
I persevered! I overcame!
Nothing shall stop my rightful claim ...
Except a bird which lies before.

The bird ignores all ambient sound,
And sifts through garbage on the ground.
Hard upon the horn I pound.
Quoth the raven: "Nevermore."

I fume because I'm missing math

Whilst a lone bird blocks my path.
"Take to flight or face my wrath;
Your antics I deplore!"

"Oh, vile bird, see fit to leave.
Is it your goal to make me grieve?"
From me the bird withholds reprieve.
Quoth the raven: "Nevermore."

I cursed the fowl. Outloud I cried,
"Why can't you see fit to comply?"
The bird looks back with evil eyes.
Quoth the raven: "Nevermore."

A second car looks for a place.
He spots her car back from its space.
I'm now part of a sordid race.
I vow to take no more.

Inside my anger's been amassed.
"My patience, bird, you have surpassed."
I poised my foot above the gas
Then punched it to the floor.

In bitter spite of the bird's gall,
I force my car to give its all.
As I pull in the parking stall
My mind could rest once more.

The girl who gave her spot for me
Somehow could sense my urgent plea.
She stayed nearby so she could see
My sanity restored.

I spoke to her, "Before you go,
There's just one thing I'd like to know;
Your name," I asked, and then, real slow
She smiled and said, "Lenore."

I seized my keys and my backpack
And head forth to the Durham shack.
Yet there's no mven to talk back
Because he's been run o'er.

Matthew Arnold
UNO student senator

Stemming the tide of moral indecency

Dear Editor:

In response to Chris Clark's letter "Cartoonist degrades gays," I would like to say that I am in full support of the "EVIL CONSERVATIVE" who drew the Dr. Death cartoon. It is so refreshing to see a cartoon and

even an editorial now and then which represents the view of the majority of the students on this campus. Mr Clark wrote in his letter that it was easy to understand why the cartoonist was so degrading after learning that he was a "conservative male." Maybe Mr. Clark needs to understand that after enduring what seemed like forever semi-nazis such as Tara Muir writing her leftist trash all over the Gateway last year, many conservatives feel that it is time for a change. Mr. Clark claims that he is so concerned about every group being represented on campus. However, when a courageous student speaks (or draws) out against the detestable, reprehensible lifestyle of homosexuality, Mr. Clark would deny this man his freedom of speech.

We as a student body here at UNO must do everything we can to stand against gay militance. We must support those who have the courage to speak opposed to what is "politically correct." We must never let happen here what transpired at Iowa State recently. I can assure you that as a senator representing this student body, I will do everything in my power to stand against this tide of moral indecency.

Justin Peterson
UNO student senator

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Correction

In the March 16 Gateway, it was reported that UNO Professor Joong-Gun Chung owned A.K. Wigs. The business is actually owned by Chung's wife, Kim Chung.

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The art of defense with a sword

By ERIC JOHNSON

Mention the word fencing and most people have visions of miles of wood and barbed wire hung to keep animals in and to mark boundaries. The UNO Fencing Club, on the other hand, sees foils, épées, sabers, and opponents ready to defend themselves.

One of 23 official sports clubs on campus, the Fencing Club is one of 14 that is active. The club's members meet and practice every Monday and Wednesday night on the second floor of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building. According to fencing instructor Ian "John" Stochl, Campus Recreation has offered fencing on and off since 1970. Looking back, a competitive women's fencing team was on campus in the 1920s that was sanctioned by the Women's Athletic Association, Stochl said.

Currently, UNO's Fencing Club is semi-competitive. They compete in tournaments, but are more of a social club, learning about each other and the sport. The club has 25 members this semester.

"We're a little club," Stochl said. "We have to raise our own money just like all the sports clubs. Something people don't realize is that there are sports clubs on campus."

Many people who become interested in fencing have never fenced before and the club offers basic classes in all three fencing weapons: foil, épée, and saber, he said.

An interesting facet of the UNO Fencing Club is their average GPA. Last year they averaged 3.78, and this year it's down a couple of tenths to 3.5.

"We had a couple of 4.0 fifth-year seniors in the club last year," Stochl explains. "We compete with as much neurological energy as we do physical energy."

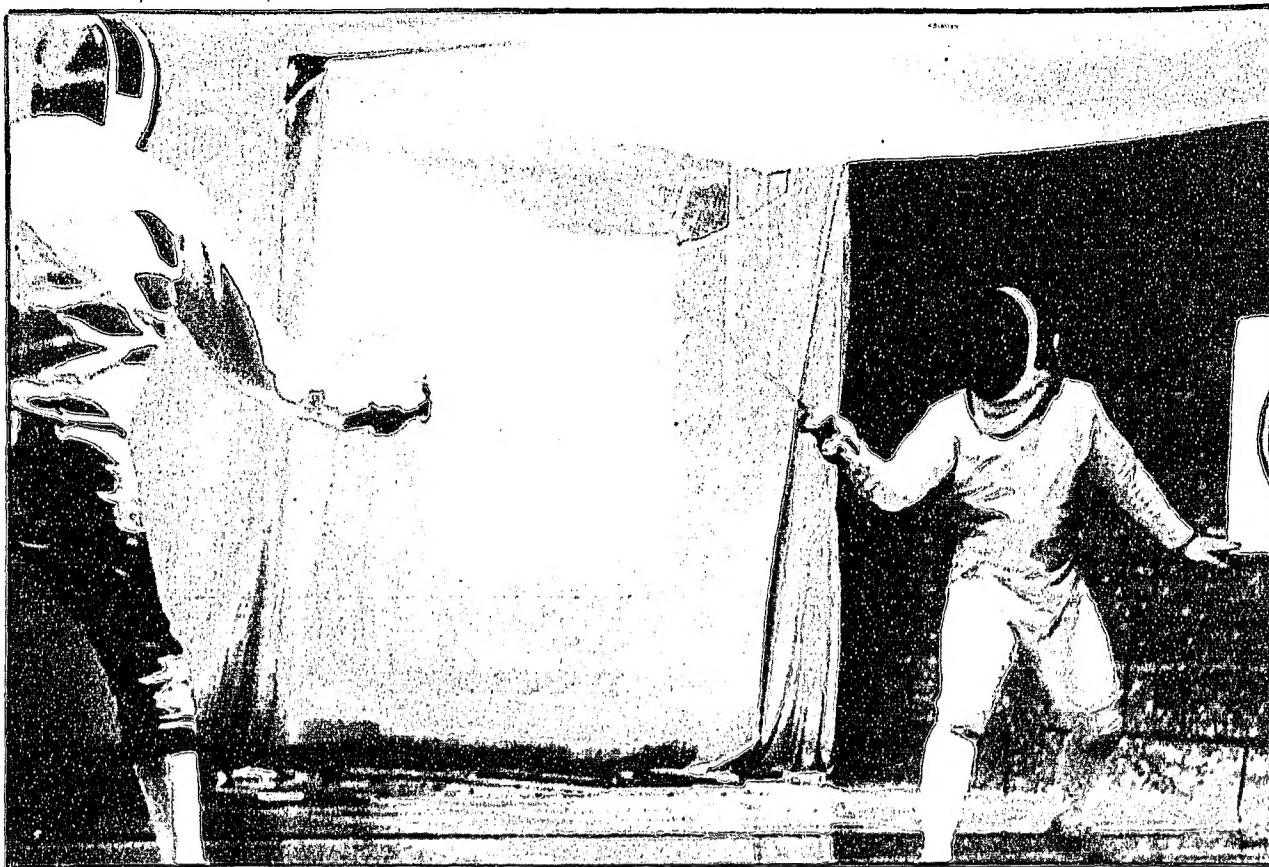
Sanctioned by the U.S. Fencing Association, the club travelled to seven states last year to compete. They have also participated in the Nebraska State Games over the past four years and have placed at least one member in the top 6 of the four different competition categories every year. Finally, six club members qualified in last year's U.S. Nationals.

The Fencing Club also hosted a tournament on campus last year. Earlier this month, the tournament was held at Creighton and drew people from around the world. The competition has been offered back to UNO, but the club is having trouble getting the space they need to hold the festivities.

"Last year we had a total of 117 competitors from 18 states and four countries. We'll try and get it back again," Stochl said. "The thing is it's always held this time of the year and this is the time that this university has its intramural basketball. Since the tournament is a three-day event, we would be tying up three basketball courts for three days, and they just won't let us do it."

According to Stochl, fencing is an extremely safe sport because there is no actual body contact and fencing equipment offers maximum protection.

Fencing is the art of defense with a sword, he said. While the modern version no longer carries a point, if a blade would break, the rigidity of it could easily penetrate the body. The fencing jacket is the competitor's main source of protection, made of three layers of heavy cotton with two layers of ballistic nylon



En garde! The UNO Fencing Club competes locally and across the nation.

sewn between. It may be heavy, but it's safe.

Fencers also wear a mask for safety. Made of steel woven mesh, the mask has a double layer of ballistic nylon to cover the throat. The mesh must be strong enough to pass a 12 kilo punch test, which would be equal to putting a nail between the mesh and putting 300 pounds on top without forcing the mesh apart.

Fencers defend themselves with one of three weapons, Stochl said. The first, which is considered a training weapon, is the foil. It is a point-oriented weapon with a flexible blade that is targeted at the torso area of the body. Next is the épée, which has a stiff, triangular blade. It is also a point-oriented weapon that can be targeted at any part of the body. The saber is also point-oriented, but the fencer may also use the blade of this weapon to defend himself. The target area is from the waist up and includes the head and arms.

The fencing area is called a "strip" or "piest," which is 14 meters long and 2 meters wide. There are warning areas at both ends of the strip and no out of bounds. If a fencer leaves the area with both feet, it equals being touched by an opponent's weapon. Most tournament matches go until five touches have been achieved, or until six minutes is up, Stochl said.

Scoring is done electronically. Both fencer's weapons have spring loaded buttons on their points that has a 10th of a second cut off switch. In order to score a touch, a fencer must hit his opponent with enough force to activate the button on his weapon.

Each class of weapon has a different amount of force needed to activate the button. For example, 500 grams of pressure is needed to activate the button on a foil.

"The intelligent fencer defends himself, waiting for the opponent to make a mistake, so he expends as little energy as possible while making the touch," Stochl said. "The perfect distance is obtained by closing distance with your opponent, making your attack, and getting out of that distance before he can respond to it."

Stochl has been fencing since 1972, beginning in high school and continuing while in the Army. He went on to compete in international competition for 3 years and spent 7 years in U.S. circuit events. He was eventually forced to retire because of an accident caused by a drunk driver, sustaining injuries to his back that made competing in the fast-paced sport painful.

Stochl said Olympic level fencers may make two moves in a 20th of a second and there may be 15 to 20 exchanges in a matter of 30 seconds. He said the furious action is unappealing to spectators who don't have a knowledge of the sport. But Stochl said the UNO Fencing Club is trying to allow people to see the beauty that exists in the sport.

"Most fencing, when it's done properly, is like a well-rehearsed ballet," Stochl said. "There's not a lot of excessive energy, most motion is in the wrist and arms, and the touches are light. It's beautiful."

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attend a "Black Students on Predominantly White Campuses" Conference in Atlanta.

Sen. Mary Reynolds, a budget committee member, proposed an amendment for two students, rather than the three requested, to attend the conference and travel by air to Atlanta at a cost of \$1,053.91.

Sen. Justin Peterson then proposed a new amendment that would allow three students to attend the conference, but would have the students drive and share hotel accommodations at a cost of \$941.66.

"I think this is a workable compromise," Peterson said. "It is \$100 less than Sen. Reynolds' plan, and it will send more people."

AMS Director Annette Crowder, who was present at the meeting, opposed Peterson's amendment.

"To the best of my knowledge, from here to

Atlanta is an 18-hour drive," Crowder said. "I oppose, very strongly, the motion to drive a van to the conference."

Crowder said that driving to Atlanta would take longer and require students to miss out on valuable workshops or miss more days at school.

Crowder said that driving to the conference was not an option.

Peterson's amendment failed.

Newhouse proposed a new amendment that would allow three students to attend and that they fly to the conference at a cost of \$1,461.91. Newhouse's amendment was approved.

In other business, Sen. Matt Arnold was appointed to the business administration seat, Sen. Stephen Srb was appointed to the rules committee and Sen. Michael Slater was appointed to the budget committee.

Community service aids in studies

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (CPS)—A University of Michigan study found that college students who take part in community service projects make better grades than students who spend all their time studying.

The study, by political science professor Gregory Markus, a researcher at Michigan's Institute for Social Research, was done in collaboration with the university's Office of Community Learning and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

For the study, 89 undergraduates enrolled in Markus's course, "Contemporary Political Issues," were randomly assigned to two sections: the traditional group, which prepared a term paper requiring 20 hours of library research, and a service group, which provided 20 hours of community service.

There were 52 students assigned to do research and 37 assigned to community service. At the end of the semester, students who did library research earned an average grade of a B to B-plus, while the students who worked in the community averaged a B-plus to an A-minus.

Markus said that the community service helped students apply principles from the class to new situations and aided them in developing a greater awareness of societal problems.

"It's important that the service not be a stand-alone activity," he said. "Instead, it should be integrated into the course, through regular discussions that give students a chance to reflect upon what they're learning in the field and how it relates to what they're reading or hearing in lectures."

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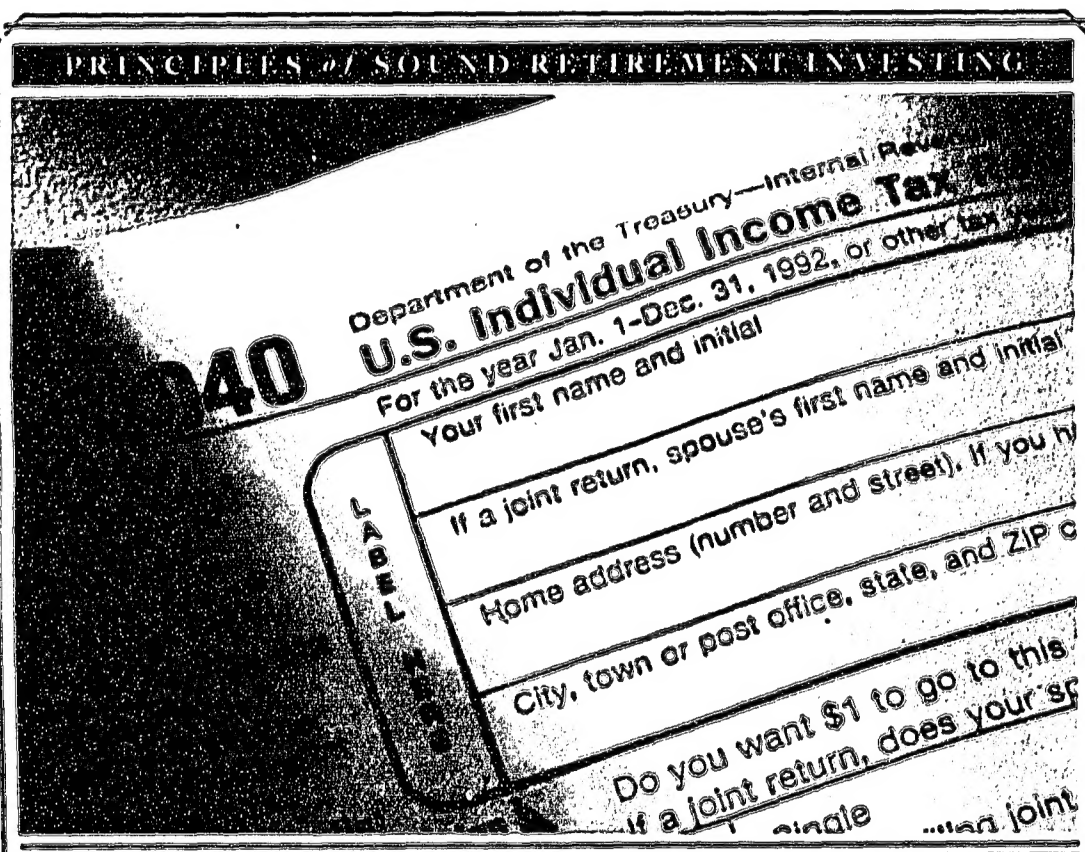
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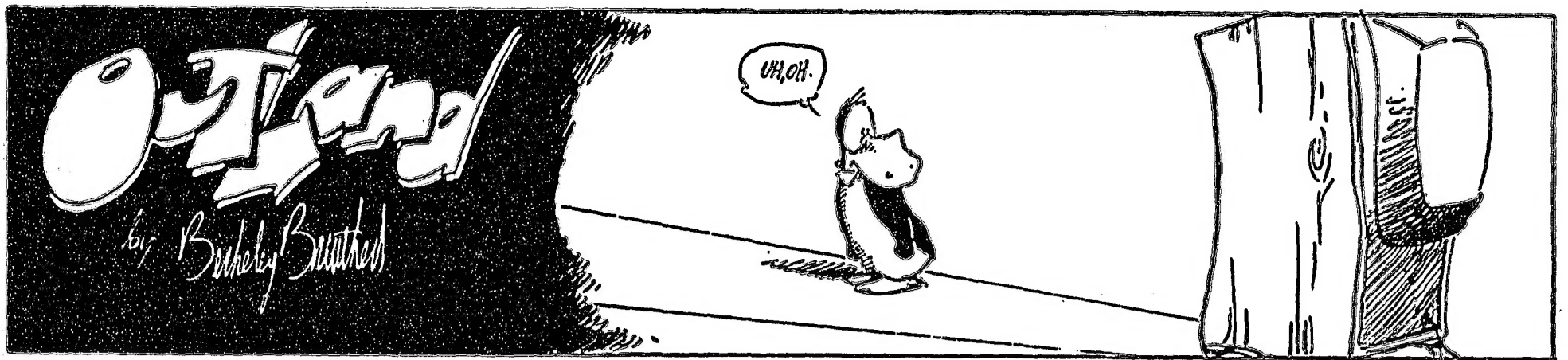
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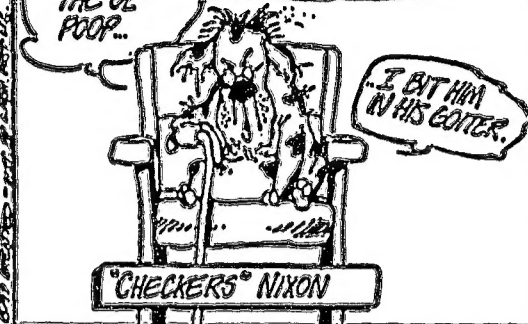
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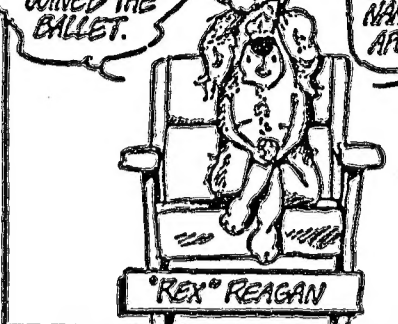
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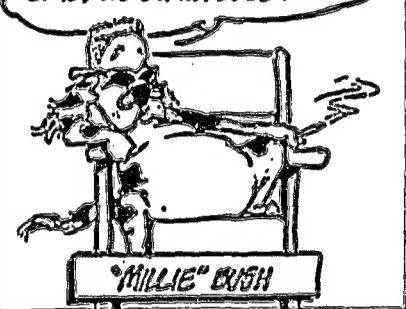


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Lady Mav youth, veterans shine

By TIM ROHWER

The UNO softball team returned from the land of sunshine with 10 victories and some bright new stars.

The Lady Mavs went 10-3 at the Rebel Spring Games near Orlando, Fla., during spring break and Coach Mary Yori expressed pleasure with the team, especially some of the younger players.

"Freshman Denise Peterson, our second baseman, had some big hits in key situations, while freshman Natalie Nystrom, our designated player, had a double on two different times when the bases were loaded," Yori said Sunday after returning home. "And sophomore Kristi Fritsch, our second batter, did a good job of moving our lead runner up, although she also did a good job of hitting the ball."

Two senior members of the team, pitchers Amy Pick and Amy Boyd, also received praise.

"Amy Pick did a nice job on the mound, and Amy Boyd threw a no-hitter against Colgate University," Yori said.

Boyd's performance against Colgate last Tuesday, which UNO won 11-0, was one of two victories the Lady Mavs had against the Division I school from New York. UNO also had two wins against North Central Conference rival Mankato State University.

"Colgate didn't have great pitching. They were probably a weaker Division I school, but Mankato State was as good as anybody we played," Yori said. "We won some close ones, but we also beat some other teams rather handily."

The Lady Mavs' first victory in the games came on opening day, March 19. UNO beat Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 6-2, with Boyd picking up the win.

One of the bigger victories, Yori said, was a 9-4 win against East Stroudsburg Univer-

sity of Pennsylvania Wednesday. The game, though, was closer than the score.

"There was a time limit on that game, and the score was tied 4-4 in the bottom of the sixth inning, which would have been the last inning if they scored. Their lead-off batter hit a double that was about six inches from going over the fence. We held them from scoring, and we scored five runs in the seventh inning, which in this case was considered extra innings. It was a very intense game," Yori said.

The Lady Mavs started slowly in the games, which began March 19, but improved as time went on, she said.

"After the first three days, we were 3-3 before we had a day off," Yori said. "Then, the next four days, we won all of our games. We were able to make some adjustments as the week went on, and defensively, I thought we played well and the pitchers did well."

Ironically, what may have been the Lady Mavs' best performance of the games did not count in the team's record, since it was postponed at the last minute.

"It was our game against Florida Southern on Thursday," Yori said. "The score was 0-0 and it was the top of the fifth. We had the bases loaded with only one out and our middle batters were coming up. Suddenly, the game was suspended because of lightning. After a while, it started raining hard and they postponed the game. Because there are so many games going on there, they don't reschedule rainouts. That may have been our best game."

Besides all the games, Yori said there was still time to take in the sights.

"On our day off, all of us went over to Tampa, which is about an hour-and-a-half away, to watch the Cincinnati Reds play Philadelphia in an exhibition game. And, throughout the event, some girls went to Sea World and some to Disney World. There was still time to do a lot of nice things," she said.



Amy Boyd tags a runner in NCC action last season.

—FILE PHOTO

Karbowski notches two

By TIM ROHWER

The UNO baseball season swung into high gear during spring break, with the Mavs winning four of nine games at the Leroy Wilson Classic in Joplin, Mo.

Mav Coach Bob Gates said he was happy with his team's performance at the event March 22-27, especially since they went in without any games under their belts.

"We never practiced outdoors, not even to play catch, before we went down there," he said Sunday. "But I thought we played well. We left a lot of runners stranded in a couple of games, so we could have easily gone 6-3, instead of 4-5. But, it was a successful trip. It was good, tough competition."

UNO won its first game in the classic by beating Hamline University, 7-1, last Tuesday. Junior third baseman Todd Moffett had six hits, while senior pitcher Don Karbowski struck out eight batters to pace the Mavs.

Later that day, UNO lost to Arkansas Tech, 8-7, in ten innings. Gates said two missed fly balls in the outfield hurt the Mavs.

"We lost a ball early in the game in the sun and three runs scored. Then, later with the lights on, we lost a ball when it went beyond the lights and another run scored," he said.

The following day, the Mavs did not fare so well, losing two games. Fort Hays State University beat UNO, 11-3, thanks to six Maverick errors allowing Fort Hays State to score 11 unearned runs. Missouri Southern University beat the Mavs in the nightcap, 7-2.

UNO came back Thursday to beat Missouri Southern, as well as win a second game against Hamline. Senior outfielder Scott Hanson went 2 for 4, with two doubles and two RBIs, and senior catcher Tim Meyer went 3 for 3 to pace the Mavs

to an 8-6 win against Hamline.

Against Missouri Southern, senior outfielder Joe Deutsch doubled in the winning run in the sixth inning as UNO won 8-6. Karbowski pitched the final two to earn the win.

Friday's action saw UNO split a doubleheader. The Mavs lost to Missouri Southern, 5-4, in the opener, before coming back and beating the University of Missouri at St. Louis, 6-5, in the nightcap.

Junior infielder Curtis Collins had two RBIs and a double to pace the Mavs to victory. Freshman pitcher Troy Charf earned the win.

The Mavs concluded their trip to the classic by losing to Missouri at St. Louis, 8-6, on Saturday. UNO committed five errors in the game, allowing the victors to score four unearned runs in both the fourth and fifth innings.

Gates praised the efforts of Karbowski, who had two wins and a save during the five-day period.

"He really stood out. He was our best pitcher," Gates said.

The classic also provided valuable experience for all the Mav players, he added.

"We have 26 players on the team, and all of them played. That's great, especially when it's this early in the season. We found a lot about our team that's going to help us down the stretch," Gates said.

The only injury the Mavs suffered was a pulled hamstring by sophomore infielder Mike Sullivan, he added.

"He got hurt early in the classic, but he was able to at least pinch hit by Friday and Saturday," Gates said. "Otherwise, we had some aches and sore arms, but nothing serious."

The Mavs begin their home season Tuesday with a doubleheader against Nebraska Wesleyan University at 1:30 p.m. in College World Series Park on 82nd Street, directly south of Interstate 80.



—FILE PHOTO

UNO's Tim Hallett fights off an inside pitch last season.



Skradski named player of year

By TIM ROHWER

It's starting to sound like a broken record, but the awards keep coming for UNO basketball player Sandy Skradski.

The 6-foot senior center from Omaha Gross High was named the *Omaha World-Herald* All-Nebraska NCAA Player of the Year Sunday.

Skradski led the Lady Mavs this past season in scoring with 21.2 points per game and rebounding with 10.7 per game.

She also led the North Central Conference (NCC) in both categories and finished her career as the league's all-time rebound leader with 615 and No. 3 all-time scorer with 992 points.

This is the second straight year Skradski earned the honor from the newspaper. Last year, she averaged 19.2 points and

11 rebounds per game.

"She deserved it," UNO Coach Cheri Mankenberg said. "She was an average player at Gross, but her work ethic made her a great player. During the summer of her sophomore and junior years, you never saw her without a basketball under her arms. Sandy is a great role model for the younger players. A couple of the younger players have asked Sandy to help them over the summer."

Mankenberg said Skradski played all season with an injured shoulder, but that she "played her heart out."

Mankenberg added that Skradski has also been named as a honorable mention to the Division II All-American team, one of only two NCC players to be chosen.

Skradski has excelled in the classroom, too, Mankenberg said.

"She's dedicated to both academics and basketball."

You, too, could find love at UNO

By TIM ROHWER

Tennis, anyone?

Randy Johnson of the UNO Tennis Club is hoping some people, especially women, say yes.

"Right now, we have about 25 people actively involved in the club. But, we only have about seven or eight women players. We need more women involved," he said.

And interested participants don't have to be world champions, either, Johnson added.

"All levels are welcome from the beginners to the better players," he said.

Johnson, a graduate student in psychology who helped start the club three years ago, said seven matches are scheduled this spring, including tournaments at Augustana College this Friday and Saturday and at South Dakota State University on April 16 and 17.

Last weekend, the club played matches against Northwest Missouri State University and Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Earlier in the season, the club beat Northwestern Iowa University, 8-1.

The club plays nine matches against each opponent, Johnson said. The matches include six singles events and three doubles events in a best-of-three format.

Johnson said he helped form the club because he saw a strong interest in the sport at UNO.

"I found a great number of people were involved in tennis, but there was no way to participate in a club organization," he said.

About 15 people signed up for the first season, though no matches against other schools were played, Johnson said.

Matches against other schools began last spring with the club winning four of nine events, he said.

"We played against schools like Dana College, the University of South Dakota and the University of Nebraska at Kearney," Johnson said. "We did better than what we thought."

Next year, the club hopes to play as many as 15 matches, he added.

Since its start, the club has had as many as 40 participants, including some faculty members, Johnson said.

"There's definitely been an increase in support," he said. "But I think many people are still not aware of our club."

The club's funds are provided by the Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) department, he added.

"Martin Williams (UNO Assistant Coordinator for Campus Recreation) has been very helpful. He's helped organize fund raisers and other activities," Johnson said.

Johnson said interested participants need only pay a \$5 membership.

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Empty seats may put brakes on Racers

A tale of two teams.

The Michigan Wolverines and the Omaha Racers.

The Big Blue and The Big Who. When I filled out my NCAA basketball tournament brackets (for recreational purposes only), the first thing I did was place Michigan as the champion.

Picking the national champion had never been so easy. Michigan had the Fab Five. Chris Webber. Jalen Rose. Juwan Howard. Jimmy King. Ray Jackson. Each of them future first round draft choices in the NBA.

Sure, Michigan Coach Steve Fisher isn't a Dobby Knight or even a Bob Hanson, but these guys didn't need coaching. They just needed to know when and where to show up.

As if this wasn't enough, Dick Vitale even picked the Wolverines.

"It's money in the bank ba-bee."

All the signs pointed toward Michigan winning the national championship. First, the boys in blue, now yellow, were on a mission after losing to Duke in last year's final. Second, Webber was surely leaving Michigan for the pros after this season. What better way to leave than on top. Fi-

nally, I was due to pick the national champion after years of near misses. Last year I picked up Kansas. Ouch.

There was just one little factor I left out of my equation. Michigan still has to play the game. So far, Michigan seems content on playing only parts of the game.

If games were won by talent alone, Michigan would blow out everyone. Unfortunately, the Fab Five know this, too. Instead of playing up to its potential, Michigan plays down to the level of its opponents. In the last three games, Michigan's lazy style of play barely held off U.C.L.A., Temple, and the mighty George Washington team.

Michigan won more by luck than skill. In the final four, Michigan's luck will run out. The only blue winning the national championship will be from the Bluegrass State, Kentucky.

If Michigan wants to learn what it takes to win, the Wolverines ought to pay atten-

tion to the Omaha Racers. Of course, why should Michigan care, no one in Omaha seems to.

After starting out a woeful 5-17, the Racers have turned around to finish at .500. Not good, you say? Well it's good enough for a third seed in the Continental Basketball Association's (CBA) National Conference playoffs.

Still not sold on the Racers? How about the Racers winning 14 of its last 16 games. Keep in mind this was without the CBA's leading scorer, Tim Legler, who's playing in the NBA.

The Racers have continued winning with an ever-changing lineup and a plague of injuries. Only two players who started the season with the Racers remain on the roster. So much for consistency.

Racers Coach and General Manager Mike Thibault has done an amazing job of finding the right people to fill the holes in the Racer lineup. Despite the team's chances

of making the playoffs, Thibault was able to keep the Racers playing championship-caliber basketball.

Even with all the losses of games and players, Thibault never gave up on his team. If only the citizens of Omaha were so faithful.

Racers owner Steve Idelman has said that if 3,500 season tickets aren't sold for next season, he's putting the brakes on the Racers.

Idelman has done almost everything to bring crowds out to Ak-Sar-Ben. As if winning wasn't enough (the Racers have never had a losing season in Omaha), Idelman dropped some concession prices to 65 cents and brought in halftime entertainment. However, you can't book the Bud Light Daredevils every night.

Maybe Idelman should fire the Silks, who dance between timeouts, and hire the girls from Hooters. I guess 65 cent beers would be out of the question then, wouldn't they?

There are some people who think Idelman is bluffing about his ultimatum. However, I don't think Omaha should gamble on whether he is or not. Just like Michigan's luck, the Racers might be running out.

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